

Comments

What's ahead for the livestock business this year? No one knows for sure; but there are some developments worthy of comment, now regulations that affect your business — trends DUDLEY that might prove significant to those engaged in coaxing profit from a cow, a grain field or pasture.

The "good news, bad news" syndrome will be apparent in much of what we see this year and beyond.

Good news for feeders and auction markets is bad news for packers as the new federal bonding regulations go into effect Feb. 7. And if the regulations handicap independent packers to the point they can't survive in the meat trade jungle — then that will be bad news for all. That is, for all except the corporate giants who squeeze them out.

If there is validity in predictions that death knell of small packers is being sounded by boxed beef, bonding requirements and growth of the big packers — then you better prepare to operate in an entirely new livestock world.

Efforts are now being made to more accurately evaluate the influence of the futures market, not only on livestock but in the entire commodities picture. In fact, you may be one of those who will receive one of the 25,000 questionnaires being sent out in an effort to determine how many ranchers and farmers utilize futures. Just what action will result from the survey, we don't know. But we are pretty sure that final tabulations will show that very few of those not there on the land use the futures market.

They don't use it because they don't trust it. There's increasingly strong feeling among stockmen that futures trading in livestock should be discontinued.

We won't get into this argument. Futures trading is a highly sophisticated financial maneuver that the livestock industry may not be prepared to cope with or utilize. If, as some claim, it is an artificial influence on the market — then the stockman being victimized should demand its discontinuance. In fact, much of what has been going on in the livestock industry lately is reminiscent of the old Hollywood joke: "Who's going to do what to who, and who's going to pay for it?" Most stockmen are hopeful that 1977 will be a year in which someone will not have to emerge loser in every livestock deal. Increasingly, there's a feeling that the best deals are those which each participant makes a fair profit. Let's see if it works out that way in

Ford will not lift predator poison ban

President Ford, siding with environmentalists despite appeals from sheep ranchers and cattlemen, has decided not to lift limitations on use of poisons to kill coyotes or other predators on public lands.

Under an executive order signed in February 1972, by President Nixon and later revised slightly by Ford, only sodium cyanide in a special pellet-shooting device can be used to control predators on public land.

Seminars to cover varied subjects at ANCA confab

The commodity outlook, hedging procedures and various other management and technical topics will be covered in a series of specialized programs to be presented Feb. 3, during the American National Cattlemen's Assn. convention in Atlanta.

Seventeen firms which are exhibiting in the convention trade show will hold educational seminars for cattle producers and feeders. The seminars, each no more than an hour in length, will be held throughout the afternoon, and a cattleman will be able to attend at least four of the sessions.

The cattle outlook — six months from now, a year from now and 25 years from now — will be discussed by livestock analysts with Heintz Commodities, Inc. Explanations of how cattle-men can use hedging to advantage will be presented by R.J. O'Brien & Associates, Inc., and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Breed organizations presenting seminars will include the American Brahman Breeders Assn. and International Brangus Breeders Assn.

Offering information on alternative programs for cow-calf men will be Ralston Purina Co. Others dealing with feeding programs and products will be Feed Services.

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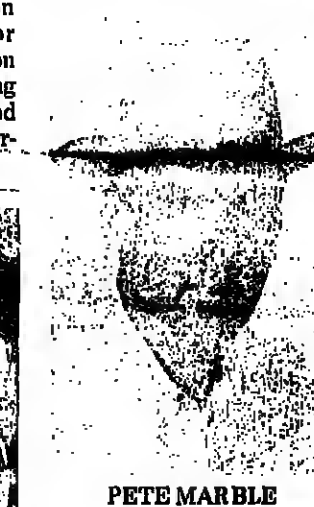
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Marble, Middaugh to discuss exports at Jan. 12 Meat Club

The second dinner meeting of the recently organized Mountain/Plains Meat Club will host a major international discussion on red meat exporting and importing, Jan. 12, in the National Livestock Exchange Bldg., Denver, Co. 80216.

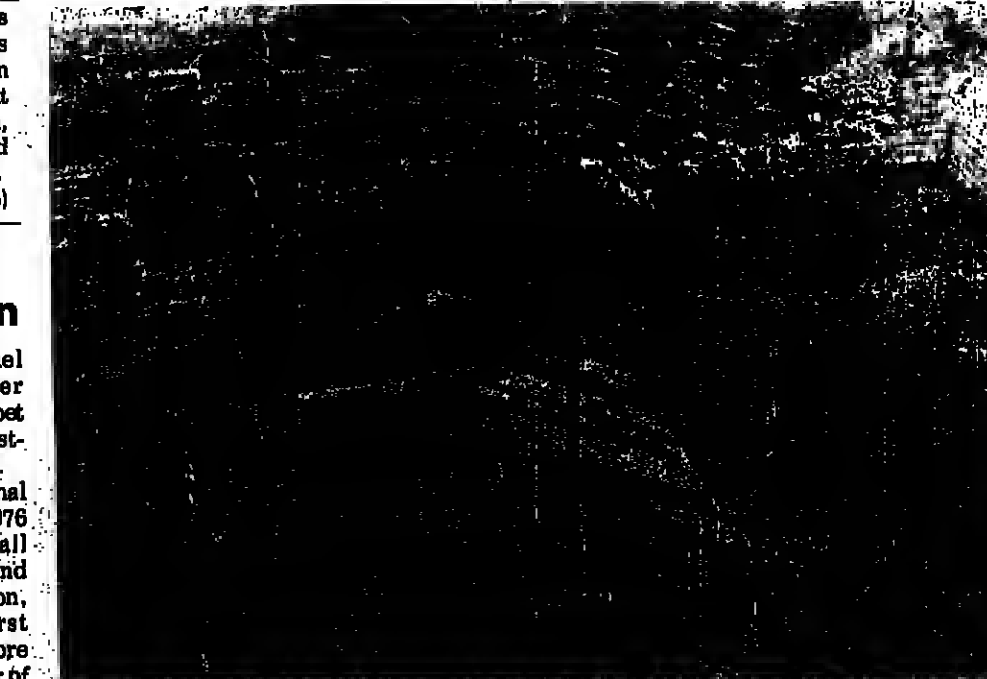


PETE MARBLE

Peter Marble, Dssth, Nev., chairman of American National Cattlemen's Assn. Foreign Trade Committee and Bud Middaugh, Denver, manager of the newly formed U.S. Meat Exporting Federation, will address the Club, an informal organization meeting periodically for good fellowship with the Mountain/Plains meat industry.



ALAN 'BUD' MIDDAGH



BIGGEST EVER — Denver's 71st National Western Stock Show is expected to be the biggest ever, with more than a quarter million visitors and exhibitors expected to come from 46 states and 10 foreign countries. This scene from last year's show, taken from a window in Western Livestock Journal's office in the Livestock Exchange Building, is just an example of what's to come. Show dates are Jan. 14-22.

Denver to host richest rodeo ever at 1977 National Western

Denver will host the richest rodeo ever held on the professional circuit, Jan. 14-23, when more than 700 cowboys and cowgirls compete for \$175,950 in prize money at the 71st annual National Western Stock Show.

The dollar figure tops the previous pro tour high of \$174,048 up for grabs at Cheyenne, Wyo., last summer. Last January, prize money at the National Western rodeo totaled \$153,775.

Although saddle bronc and bareback riding entry numbers were National Western records, steer wrestling drew the most contestants with 174 meeting the Dec. 22 deadline.

Entrants for the National Western include the 1976 world champions in all events and the all-around champion, Tom Ferguson, Miami, Okla., the first rodeo cowboy to earn more than \$100,000 in one year of contesting. Ferguson, also the 1974 all-around champion, and Larry Mahan, 6-time all-around champion.

Denver's National Western tops 326 lots for carload

The stockyards pens at the 71st National Western Stock Show, Jan. 14-22, will be bulging with a record number of entries in the huge carload cattle division.

Already billed as the world's largest carload show, the National Western accepted 326 lots as of the Dec. 15 entry deadline. The over the previous high of 264 exhibits entered two years ago.

More than 2500 cattle from 27 states and two Canadian provinces are included in the 1977 carload show, held at the National Western Livestock Center.

New competition for commercial replacement heifers in 5 breeds and several crosses, and accounts for a good portion of the increase. The heifers will be judged on Jan. 17, and sold on Jan. 19.

Entry records were set in all carload categories. The carload bulk judging drew 71 groups of 12 and 15 head with Hereford classes leading the list with 32 exhibits. Also entered were 10 Angus, 7 Polled Hereford, and 2 Limousin carloads.

In the judging of beef cows and 5 bulls, the 94 entries included 28 Polled Hereford, 28 Limousin, 14 Angus, 17 Short Horn and 14 Charolais.

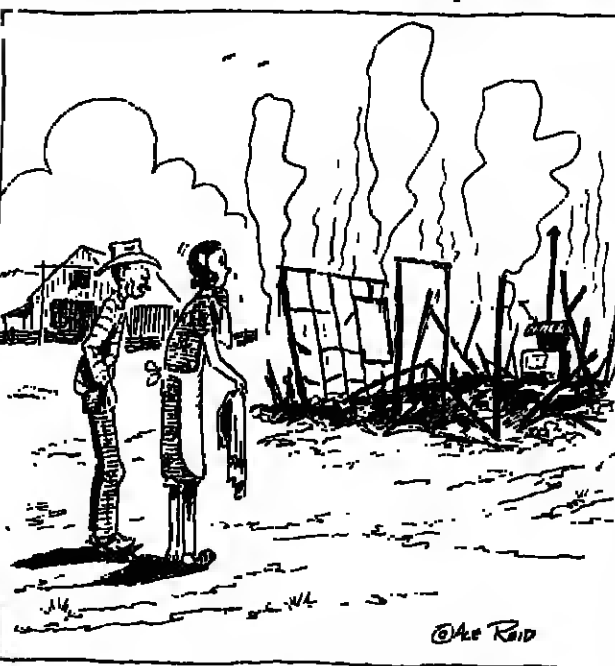
The feeder cattle competition attracted 16 lots of 8 with 31 Hereford, 10 Angus, 14 Charolais and Charolais crosses, 7 Short Horn and 48 in the class of crossbreeds and other breeds.

The feeder cattle contest drew 82 entries.

The traditional day-long sale of commercial feeder cattle again will be held on Jan. 20. Some 6000 head are expected to be sold.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Maw, you do have a way with beans!"

Fifth quarter to highlight Red Angus meet

Billie Hart's dynamic presentation of "Beef a 6th Quarter—Profit for Who?" will be one of the highlights among extra-curricular activities during Denver's National Western Stock Show this month. The Kingman, Ariz., authority on bovine by-products will be featured at the Red Angus Convention, Jan. 15.

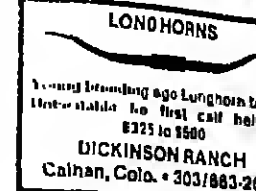
Lassies name new officers

Officers for the National Shorthorn Lassie were elected at the American Shorthorn Assn. national convention in Kansas City, Mo. The Lassies, a ladies' auxiliary, work to promote the Shorthorn breed through publicity, sales and educational activities.

Chosen as 1977 national officers were Mrs. Paul Setterdahl, Alpha, Ill., president; Mrs. Roger Megard, Sharnan, S.D., vice president; Mrs. Wendell Lovely, Wilsall, Mont., secretary; and Mrs. Irene Kosman, North Royalton, Ohio, treasurer. Other positions named were Mrs. Marge Tribbett, Linden, Ind., publicity; Mrs. Ruth Miller, Henniball, Mo., membership; Mrs. Barbara Henry, Fresno, Calif., advisor and director; and Mrs. Pat Stout, Kremlin, Okla., and Janice Alden, Hamilton, Mo., both directors.

Two Lassies, Mrs. Roger Megard and Mrs. Wendell Lovely, shared the honor of being named "Lassie of the Year." This honor is given to the Lassie that did the most during 1976 to promote the Shorthorn breed.

Red Angus features the "Red Angus Futurama" on Sunday morning, Jan. 16, at the livestock center. This will include a pen and pen display of Red Angus and the selection of the first 4H-FFA Red Angus Stockman of the Year.



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1977 National Western Stock Show Livestock Judging & Sales Program January 14-22

Livestock Judging Program
Wednesday, Jan. 12
Mouth, weigh, tag, jaw brand Junior Show Steers, Stadium Arena
Thursday, Jan. 13
Mouth, tag, weigh and jaw brand Junior Show Steers, Stadium Arena
Friday, Jan. 14
Placing Catch-It Steers, Stadium Arena
Saturday, Jan. 15
Senior College Livestock Judging Contest, Coliseum Arena
Junior College Livestock Judging Contest, Coliseum Arena
Junior Show Breeding Heifers, Stadium Arena
Group of 3 & 5 Junior Show Steers, Stadium Arena
Junior Show Wethers, Hall of Education
Junior Show Steer and Breeding Heifer Showmanship Contest by breeds (no finals), Stadium Arena
Pena and Carloads Limousin Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena
Sunday, Jan. 16
Poultry and Rabbit Show, Hall of Education
Wool Show, Hall of Education
Inspect Quarter Horse Sale entries, Horse Exercise Bldg.
Carloads Yearling Hereford Bulls, National Western Livestock Center Auction Arena
Quarter Horse Stallions and Geldings, Stadium Arena
Junior Show Champion Wether, Hall of Education
Junior Steers, Breed Champions, Stadium Arena
Finals, Junior Steer Showmanship Contest, Stadium Arena
Finals, Junior Steer Showmanship Contest, Stadium Arena
Sunday, Jan. 16
Wool Judging Contest
Weigh and mark Junior Market Barrows, Hall of Education
Showing of Hereford Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena
Collegiate Awards Breakfast, National Western Club
Showing of Angus Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena
Rabbit Show, Hall of Education
Judges' Clinic, Fad Book Contest, Colorado Beef Processors
Shorthorn Pens and Carloads Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena
Carloads Hereford Senior & Junior Bull Calves, Livestock Center Auction Arena

7:30 a.m. Senior College Livestock Judging Contest, Coliseum Arena
7:30 a.m. Junior College Livestock Judging Contest, Coliseum Arena
8:00 a.m. Junior Show Breeding Heifers, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Group of 3 & 5 Junior Show Steers, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Junior Show Wethers, Hall of Education
8:00 a.m. Junior Show Steer and Breeding Heifer Showmanship Contest by breeds (no finals), Stadium Arena
9:00 a.m. Pena and Carloads Limousin Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena
9:00 a.m. Poultry and Rabbit Show, Hall of Education
9:00 a.m. Wool Show, Hall of Education
10:00 a.m. Inspect Quarter Horse Sale entries, Horse Exercise Bldg.
1:00 p.m. Carloads Yearling Hereford Bulls, National Western Livestock Center Auction Arena
1:00 p.m. Quarter Horse Stallions and Geldings, Stadium Arena
4:00 p.m. Junior Show Champion Wether, Hall of Education
7:00 p.m. Junior Steers, Breed Champions, Stadium Arena
8:00 p.m. Finals, Junior Steer Showmanship Contest, Stadium Arena
8:30 p.m. Finals, Junior Steer Showmanship Contest, Stadium Arena
Sunday, Jan. 16
7:30 a.m. Wool Judging Contest
8:00 a.m. Weigh and mark Junior Market Barrows, Hall of Education
8:00 a.m. Showing of Hereford Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Collegiate Awards Breakfast, National Western Club
9:00 a.m. Showing of Angus Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena
9:00 a.m. Rabbit Show, Hall of Education
10:00 a.m. Judges' Clinic, Fad Book Contest, Colorado Beef Processors
Noon Shorthorn Pens and Carloads Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena
1:00 p.m. Carloads Hereford Senior & Junior Bull Calves, Livestock Center Auction Arena

Marble, Middaugh to discuss exports at January meeting

For 13 years, Middaugh worked for Monfort of Colorado, Inc. During that time, he traveled extensively in Europe and the Far East, promoting sales of beef to the hotel and restaurant trade. Later he helped establish an international division at Monfort.

"Purpose of our club is to periodically bring leaders and interested men and women together for good fellowship and added mutual understanding. The organization elects no officers and collects no dues," says Chairman Cecil Hellbusch.

Middaugh is the first president of the newly-formed U.S. Meat Export Federation—on international market development organization which promotes the sale of beef, pork and lamb in overseas markets. Before joining the Federation he was vice president of Miller Feedlots Inc. in Colorado.

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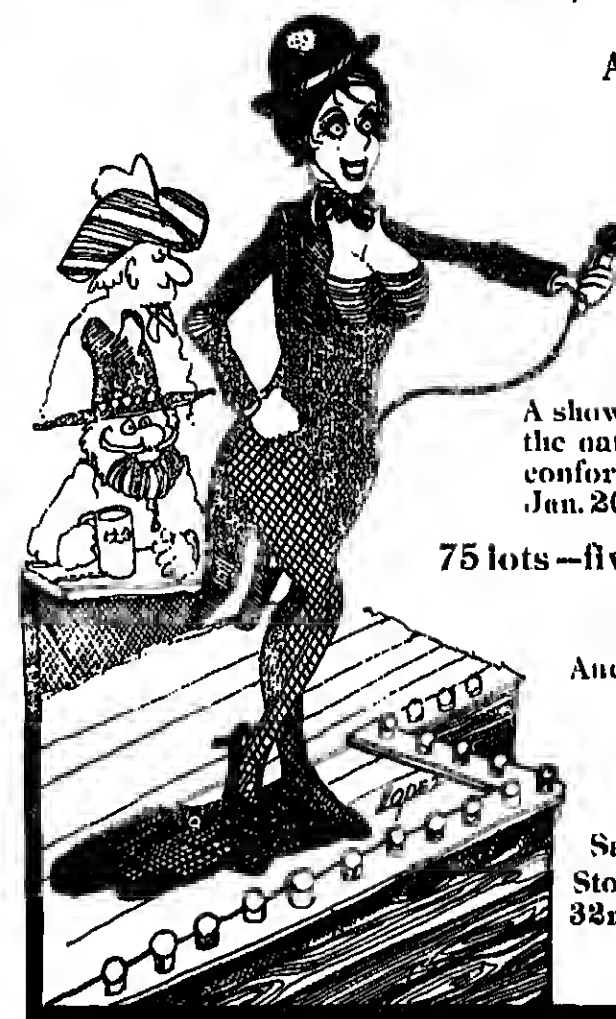
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1:00 p.m. Junior Carloads and Angus Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena	8:00 p.m. Showing of Charolais Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
2:00 p.m. Ladies Lead Contest, Hall of Education	7:30 p.m. Best Ten Head, Hereford Breeding Cattle, Coliseum Arena
2:00 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17	Wednesday, Jan. 19
8:00 a.m. Carloads and Pens Polled Hereford Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena	8:00 a.m. Polled Hereford Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Hereford Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	11:00 a.m. Appaloosa Horses, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Angus Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	7:30 p.m. Best Six Head, Angus Breeding Cattle, Coliseum Arena
8:00 a.m. Hampshire and Suffolk Breeding Sheep, Hall of Education	Thursday, Jan. 20
8:00 a.m. Junior Show Barrows, Hall of Education	8:00 a.m. Charolais Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
11:15 a.m. Grand Champion Steer, Stadium Arena	8:00 a.m. Galviah Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
1:00 p.m. Hereford Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	2:00 p.m. Paint Horses, Stadium Arena
1:00 p.m. Angus Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	7:30 p.m. Best Six Head, Shorthorn Breeding Cattle, Coliseum Arena
1:00 p.m. Corral and Southdown Breeding Sheep, Hall of Education	Friday, Jan. 21
1:00 p.m. Pena Charolais Bulls, Livestock Center Judging Arena	8:00 a.m. Galloway Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
2:30 p.m. Carloads Commercial Replacement Heifers, Livestock Center Judging Arena	8:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
4:30 p.m. Junior Show Champion Barrow, Hall of Education	11:00 a.m. Showing of Murray Gray Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena
5:00 p.m. Showing of Shorthorn Sale Cattle, Stadium Arena	1:00 p.m. Santa Gertrudis Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena
Tuesday, Jan. 18	Saturday, Jan. 22
8:00 a.m. Angus Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	8:00 a.m. National Sheep Shearing Contest, Preliminaries, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Hereford Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	1:00 p.m. National Sheep Shearing Contest, Finals, Stadium Arena
8:00 a.m. Columbian and Cornudas Sheep, Hall of Education	Friday, Jan. 14
8:00 a.m. Pens of Feeder Steer Calves, Livestock Center Judging Arena	1:00 p.m. North American Limousin Sale, National Western Livestock Center Auction Arena
10:00 a.m. Shorthorn Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	
10:00 a.m. Polled Hereford Breeding Cattle, Stadium Arena	

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Horse entries due at San Antonio

Jan. 6 is the deadline for entering horses in the various competitions of the 1977 San Antonio Stock Show. The show will run Feb. 11-20 at Joo Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, Texas.

Horse show competition gets under way two days prior to the official opening of the show. The first go-round of the cutting horse contest will be Feb. 9, followed by Quarter Horse halter classes Feb. 10, and Quarter Horse performance classes on Feb. 11.

Cutting horse competition continues on Feb. 13 with Paint Horse halter classes and performance classes on Feb. 16 and Paint Horse performance and youth classes on Feb. 16. Appaloosa judging will take place Feb. 17-20.

National Western tops 326 lots

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cattle are expected through the auction ring during the sale conducted for the first time by Kay National Western Livestock, which recently took over operation of the Denver commercial cattle market.

Willard Simms, National Western general manager, said 1500 entered and non-entered range bulls and herd sire prospects will be in the stockyards for private treaty sales. Breeds include Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Pollard Hereford, Limousin, Charolais and Beef Friesian.

There will be 11 breeding cattle sales conducted in the auction arena of the Livestock Center during the 9-day stock show. Another 11 breeding cattle sales will be held in the Old Stadium and Hall of Education auction rings.

Denver to host richest rodeo

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from Sherman Oaks, Calif., have entered three events each.

The National Western schedules rodeo performances, mixed with horse show competition and special acts, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily from Jan. 14 through Jan. 22 in the Denver Coliseum. A special all-rodeo performance is set for 2 p.m., Jan. 23, the day after the National Western livestock show ends.

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There were 2067 new associations versus 1928 a year ago, and 1380 new junior members versus 1225 last year.

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Other speakers on the first general session will be Dr. Max Brunk, professor of marketing in Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and W.M. "Dub" Jones, cor-

MEAT DOCUMENTARY—Meat, the newest in a series of films produced and directed by Frederick Wiseman will be shown Jan. 11 at 10 p.m. on Channel 6 in Denver. Filmed at Monfort of Colorado, Inc., Greeley, it examines the process by which Americans receive one of their main food staples—beef and lamb—from the auction and fattening to the slaughtering, packaging and retail sale.

Friday morning, Feb. 18, continuation of the NLFA business meeting is scheduled with members considering and voting on resolutions of policy to guide the organization in the coming year. It is likely the board of directors will decide the members are to vote on the NLFA/ANCA consolidation Friday morning.

For the ladies there will be a noon luncheon at a dinner theater in St. Louis.

are to hear Helen Hatton, head consulting home economist for the Animal Health Institute, tell of "The Meat Story."

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A detailed black and white illustration of a bull standing on a rocky, uneven surface. The bull is facing slightly to the right but looking towards the viewer. It has a dark coat with some lighter patches on its neck and chest. The background shows some sparse vegetation and a horizon line.

SATURDAY - 7:00 P.M.

Damaging European alfalfa disease found in Washington

Verticillium wilt, a damaging fungus disease of alfalfa in Europe, has been found for the first time in the U.S. by Department of Agriculture and Washington State University scientists.

Houston show judges named

Don Jones, assistant general manager of the Houston Livestock Show, has announced the panel of judges for the 1977 show which runs Feb. 23-March 6.

Judges include: Angus—William Rishel, North Platte, Neb.; Brehman—Dr. Randall Grooms, Overton, Texas; Charolais—Dr. Grooms; Brangus—Les Brundage, Lo Pryor, Texas; Hereford—Rod Ogren, Marcus, Iowa; Polled Hereford—Paul H. Morris, Pell City, Ala.; Red Poll—Dr. L. D. Wythe Jr., College Station, Texas; Santa Gertrudis—Dr. W.M. Warren, Auburn University, and Shorthorns—Bill Muredu, Brownsdale, Minn.

A record amount of \$510,363 in premium money will be distributed at the 1977 show.

Wray Finney to keynote ABAA confab

Wray Finney, president of the American National Cattleman's Assn., will discuss the cattle industry's relationship with the new Congress and President at the 4th national convention of the American Blonde d'Aquitaine Assn., Jan. 16-17. It is being held in conjunction with Denver's National Western Stock Show.

The keynote address by Finney will follow the ABAA's banquet, Jan. 16 at the Regency Inn. Finney will also discuss the merger of the ANCA and the National Livestock Feeders Assn. His discussion of the industry's relationship with the government will include OSHA regulations, taxes, and use and import policies.

Other ABAA activities will include the election of officers and reports on the progress of the breed. Several purebred and percentage Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle will be on display during the National Western.

BIF confab set for Bozeman, Mt.

Bozeman, Mont., has been selected as the site for Beef Improvement Federation's 1977 convention and research symposium, according to word from Bob deBacco, Ames, Iowa, federation secretary. The dates are May 16-18.

Seminars to cover varied subjects at ANCA confab

(Continued from page 1)

vice Corp. and National Cottonseed Products Assn. Other subjects and sponsors include: Implants and Their Profit Potential, Veterinary Products Division, IMC Chemical Group, Inc.; The Buller Syndrome, SynTex Agribusiness, Inc.; New Forage Management Techniques, Ortho Chemical Co.; New Alfalfa Management Trends, Smith, Kline Animal Health Div.; New Developments in Biologics and Immunology, Rayvac Corp.

Butler Manufacturing Co.'s Oatmeal Div. will present information on recycling animal manure; Kormco Products will report on fence mending; Nasco will explain use of Cop-Chur equipment; Lockwood Corp. will tell how to improve water management.

The Thursday afternoon seminars will follow an informational program in the morning which will help cattlemen look at the industry's future and make longer range decisions on their own operations.

The convention and trade show will be presented Feb. 1-4 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

The organism which causes the disease, Verticillium albo-atrum, was isolated and identified from wilting alfalfa stems by Dr. J.H. Gresham, a plant pathologist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Beltsville, Md. The identification was verified by scientists at Washington State and Oregon State Universities and the University College of Swansea, Wales, England.

The full extent of damage caused by Verticillium in the U.S. has not been determined. ARS scientists said, because another widespread disease in the U.S., Fusarium wilt, has somewhat similar symptoms.

In 1976, 68.7 million tons of alfalfa were produced in the U.S., with a farm value of \$4.6 billion.

In northern Europe, fields of susceptible alfalfa varieties are frequently nonproductive by the end of the second harvest year.

Some, but not all U.S. varieties have been tested in Europe for resistance to the fungus. Most varieties, however, were susceptible, although there are differences in levels of resistance.

The two agronomists who collected the diseased plants, R.N. Peaden with ARS Prosser, Wash., and Dr. D.W. Evans, Washington State University,

Prosser, have begun screening for resistant alfalfa plants. New alfalfa varieties resistant to Verticillium, bacterial and Fusarium wilts should be developed within the next few years. However, it may be as long as five years before seed of a resistant adapted variety is available to growers.

Alfalfa varieties developed outside the U.S. may be resistant to Verticillium wilt, but, ARS scientists

AGA planning national show

For the first time ever, the American Gelbvieh Assn. national sale will be preceded by a national breed show.

The show will be held at 8 a.m., Jan. 20, at the Stadium Arena during the National Western Stock Show, Denver.

Judging of cattle will be based on conformation and performance data. The judges will be Bill Able, Kansas State University; T.D. Rich, Oklahoma State University; and Roger Hunsley, Purdue University.

Headquarters for the sale will be Stouffer's Denver Inn, where a Gelbvieh Ceberat party will be held Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The Gelbvieh Wagon will be at the hotel with purebred and percentage Gelbvieh cattle on display.

caution, they may be susceptible to other diseases in this country and are not adapted to specific growing areas in the U.S.

The pathogen is not transmitted within the seed, and should not be spread by interstate shipment of clean seed. Debris and trash with the seed, however, can harbor the disease.

More extensive surveys and inoculation tests must be done before the prevalence, damage and potential of this new disease in the U.S. can be determined, ARS scientists said.

Until the scope of the disease has been determined,

they said, changing from current varieties to less adapted Verticillium-resistant European varieties is not recommended.

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A close-up look: Beef market development plan

Ed. note: This is the first in a series of features on the proposed beef market development plan. Cattle producers across the nation will vote on it this spring. To help you decide how to vote, Western Livestock Journal is presenting these articles on the plan, how it got started, its goals and most importantly, what's in it for you.

Next spring you'll have an opportunity to vote in an election that will shape the future of your business and your industry.

At stake is the beef market development plan. Its goal is to expand domestic and foreign markets, augment research on producer problems, and improve marketing and distribution.

In short, the plan aims to increase profits for all cattle producers.

The Beef Development Taskforce—a national organization of some 60 cattle producers—developed the plan, then guided legislation through Congress allowing the cattle industry to hold a referendum on it this spring.

If the measure passes with two-thirds majority, cattle producers will invest 0.3% of their sales in the

program. It will be administered by a 68 member Beef Board—all beef producers.

Many other agricultural groups—like eggs, cotton, and milk, for example—invest much more than 0.3% of sales for market development.

Florida citrus growers invest 2.5%, for example. And they've done an excellent job of promoting their product with national celebrity Anita Bryant. Almost every housewife has been told about the virtues of the "Florida sunshine tree."

Beef producers need promotion, too. And program.

The next step was to get legislation passed setting up a national referendum. Following Congressional hearings, bouts with consumer activists and labor unions, the Beef Research and Information Act was signed into law in May, 1976.

USDA hearings on the Beef Research and Information Order were held in September and October. Cattle producers, association executives and educators expressed strong

hampers by outside influences, can U.S. agriculture maintain its unparalleled production.

Grant, himself an agricultural producer from Visalia, Calif., expressed optimism that President-elect Carter will continue the free market policies established under former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz's administration.

"The American Farm Bureau believes a free market system, one with no government-held grain reserves or commodity support prices, will provide a fair and equitable return on investment. But it all depends upon keeping federal government out of the commodity marketing business. Price supports encourage over production, and grain reserves are political tools to keep farm prices down. It is these policies that ultimately hurt the farmer the most and we hope Mr. Carter realizes this and will act accordingly during his term."

Also, during the annual meeting, CFB voting delegates reelected President Keith Probst, Merino, to a second two-year term. Elected as new vice president for the state farm organization was Joe Fettes Jr., Romeo, who replaces long-time Farm Bureau vice president, Floyd Hele, Loveland.

Reelected to the state Farm Bureau board of directors were Herold Fette, Windsor; LeRoy Aman, Ft. Morgan; Roy Dunn, Holly.

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Bankers forecast ag credit demands will continue in '77

Farm loan demands continue strong across the country, a panel of leading agricultural bankers said at an Agricultural Credit Outlook Seminar, New Orleans, La.

Meeting with members of the agricultural and financial press during the American Bankers Assn.'s (ABA) 26th National Agricultural Bankers Conference, bankers agreed that the strong demand for agricultural credit will continue into 1977.

Leslie W. Petersen, chairman for the ABA Agricultural Bankers Division and moderator for the panel of farm bankers, stated that bankers expected their total outstanding farm loans would be about 13% higher on Jan. 1, 1977, than on Jan. 1, 1976.

Petersen, who is also the president of Farmers State Bank, Triniton, Minn., based his estimate on the results of an ABA farm credit conditions survey taken by the ABA in September and released at the agricultural conference.

The report shows that increases in outstanding farm loans are expected by bankers in all regions of the country, with the largest projected gains expected in the lake and corn belt states.

"Interest rates (according to the survey currently between 8-9 per cent) should remain somewhere near their present level," stated panelist Walter Minger, vice chairman of the ABA Agricultural Division and senior vice president of Bank of America, San Francisco.

Minger explained that agricultural lending rates are generally not affected

by the prime rate because of large demand and the competition in agricultural financing. He cautioned, however, that all lending rates have a "sympathetic movement" to the prime. "If the prime would move down, rates to the farmer would generally move down," he said.

Panelists agreed that while the number of farm customers are shrinking the amount of an agricultural credit loan is generally getting higher. This is a result of the trend toward larger farm units, panelists explained.

"It is just no longer easy

for someone to get into farming," explained Charles N. Finson, president of the National Bank of Monticello, Ill. "If a young farmer can rent his land to reduce his risk, he can usually get financing," he said, "but even then, he has to have some net worth himself."

"It's tough for a person not already affiliated with a farm through family ties to get into farming," observed C.P. Moore, President of Northwestern National Bank of Sioux Falls, S.D.

The bankers suggested that there will be a continuation of land price in-

creases. Minger noted, however, that in California, where seasonal weather patterns have made such a significant impact on agriculture, "the enthusiasm for paying increasing prices for land may well be mitigated."

"But there has to be general leveling out," Peterson explained. "There is no way to produce a return on land if prices continue to spiral," he said.

Highlights of other farm credit conditions discussed by the panel and reflected in the results of the ABA survey report are:

• Dollar volume for most

types of loans grew in 1976, except for cattle loans which experienced a lower demand.

• Loan volume for 1977 is expected to grow about the same as in 1976, except for feeder cattle where the demand is expected to be higher.

• Most banks reported some signs of deteriorating farm credit conditions exemplified by a higher volume of loan renewals, loan refinancings, and borrowers with loan repayment difficulties.

• A higher percentage of borrowers were loaned-up this year than last year.

• Interest rates rose less than 0.1 per cent between the summers of 1976 and 1976.

• Nearly 40 per cent of the bankers said risks of making farm loans were higher than last year.

• Methods used by borrowers to cope with risks include hedging and insurance, crop insurance and diversification.

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Feedlot operators file suit against packers and retailer

Five Washington cattle feedlot operators filed suit against Washington state's major packers and retailer charging conspiracy to restrain trade and fix prices.

The suit, filed in Seattle's King County Superior Court, alleges artificial price conditions which resulted in depressed prices

for independent feeders. The complaint also accused the defendants of manipulating retail beef prices and artificially reducing prices paid for fed cattle.

Plaintiffs are Golog and Sons, Inc.; McMinimise Farms, Inc.; Pera Brothers Feedlot; A&W Feedlot, Inc.; and Vandergrout Ron-

ches, Inc. They contend 85% of the cattle slaughtered in Washington is handled by the defendants—Schaeke Packing Co.; Columbia Foods, Inc.; and Flevorland Industries, Inc. The suit also named Safeway Stores, which the operators allege market half the retail beef in the state.

Coming Events

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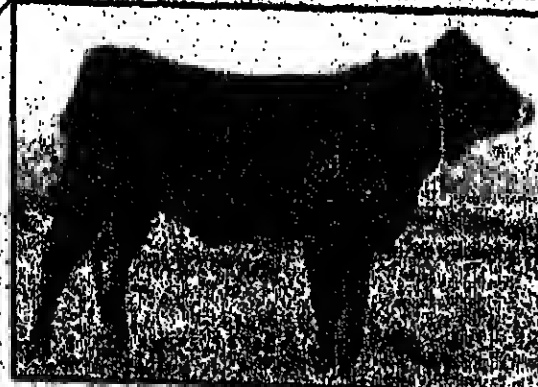
Jan. 10-13—The International Stockman's School, San Antonio, Texas.
Jan. 14—National Devon Cattle Assn. Annual Meeting, Jackson, Miss.
Jan. 14-22—National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 15—National Devon Show & Sale, Jackson, Miss.
Jan. 15—American MRI Assn. Annual Meeting, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 15—Bleiberville Brangus Breeders Assn., Seely, Texas.
Jan. 21—Rocky Mountain Santa Gertrudis Assn. Annual Meeting, Denver, Colo.
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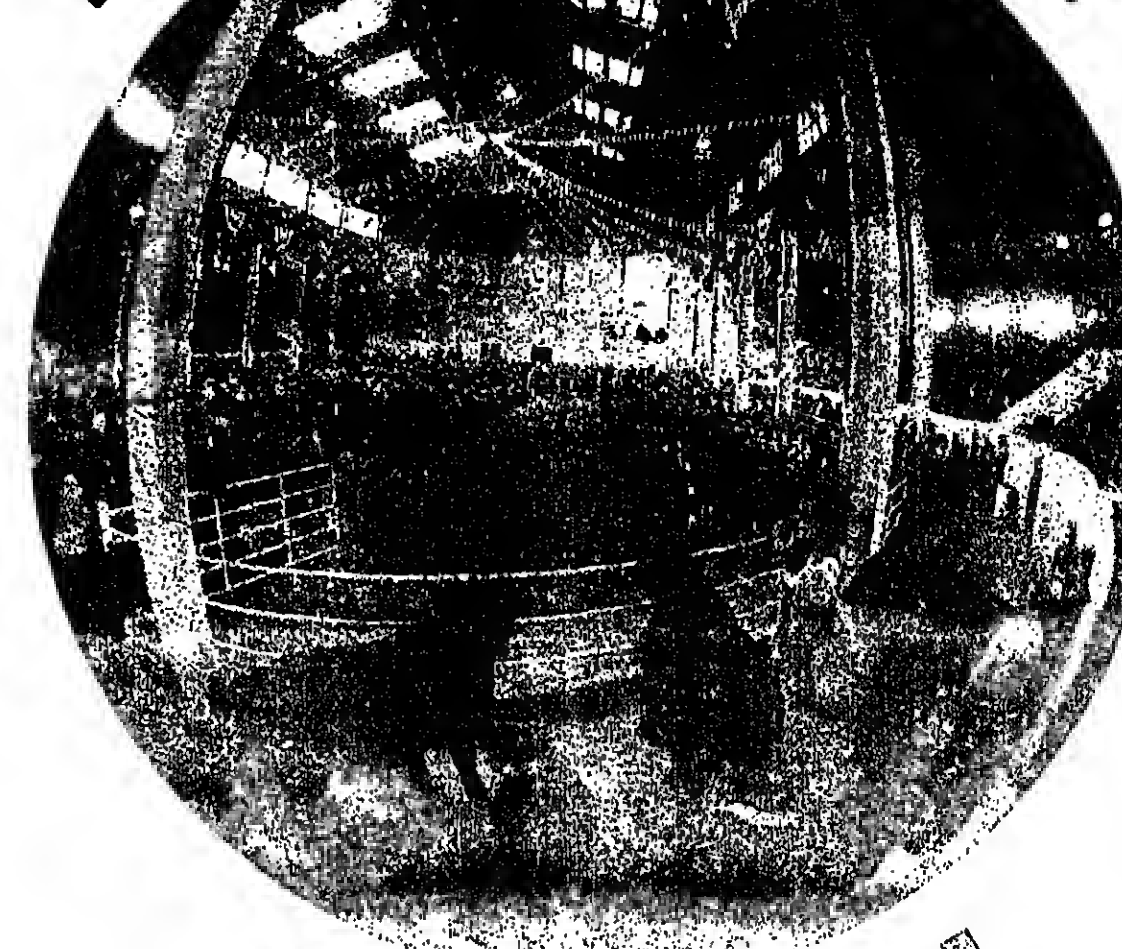
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Lewis to judge steers at Denver's National Western

Joe W. Lewis, veteran cattle breeder and exhibitor from Larned, Kan., has been assigned by general manager Willard Simms to select the grand champion steer at the 71st annual National Western Stock Show, Jan. 14-22.

It's the first time Lewis has been named steer judge at the National Western. Lewis, who operates Alfalfa Lawn Farms in Larned, has judged many national breeding cattle shows and during 1976 was steer judge at the Houston Livestock Show and the American Royal in Kansas City.

Lewis will be assisted by Lew Sullivan, Greeley, Colo., cattle buyer for Monfort of Colorado.

Other judges announced are:

Angus—Harold Arendt, Highmore, S.D.; Hereford—Dr. Miles McKee, Manhattan, Kan., and associate Steve Redekovich, Earlham, Iowa; Shorthorn—Dorrell Chapman, San Francisco, Calif.; Polled Hereford—Bill Gray, Schellburg, Pa.; Charolais—

Dr. Rendall R. Reed, Columbus, Ohio; Santa Gertrudis—Glenn Richardson, Longview, Texas; Galloway—Earl Kindfater, Greeley, Colo.; Gelbvieh—Dr. Roger Hunsley, Lafayette, Ind.; T.D. Rich, Stillwater, Okla., and Bill V. Able, Manhattan, Kan.; Maine-Anjou—Dr. Herlan Ritchie, East Lansing, Mich.

Junior show breeding heifers—Herold Bohlender, LaSalle, Colo.; Angus—Merk Lergent, Wilell, Mont.; Hereford—Connie B. Shuman, Ft. Morgan, Colo.; Shorthorn—Richard Sidwell, Carr, Colo.; Polled Herefords and Kelth Russell, Plettevill, Colo.; Charolais.

Junior show barrows—Charles Christians, St. Paul, Minn.

Junior show market weathers, ewe lambs, Dorset, Hampshire, Southdown and Suffolk—Jim Davidson, Laramie, Wyo. Columbia and Corriedale—Al Kaiser, Monte Vista, Colo.

Feeder cattle carload division—Frank Seward, Longmont, Colo.; Orville Kalsem, Huxley, Iowa, and Albert J. Mitchell, Albert, N.M.

Hereford bulls carload division—Phillip Bidegeln, Montoya, N.M.; Berney Buel, Rose, Neb., and James Grote, Llano, Texas.

Fed beef contest—Eugene Mepell, Denver, Colo.; W. Edmund Tyler, Washington, D.C., and Dr. R.W. Bray, Madison, Wis.

Angus pens and carloads bulls—Rex Earl, Puleaki, Iowa; Keith Stevenson, Hobson, Mont., and Don Wilke, Hawk Springs, Wyo.

Shorthorn pens and carloads bulls—Dorrell Chapman, Polled Hereford pens and carloads bulls—Kenneth Leistriz, Gordon, Neb.; Phil Allen, Anthony, Utah, and Lyle Schulte, Fresno, S.D.

and Al Kaiser.

Sheep sheering contest—E.A. Warner, Willard, Mo.; Elroy Poble, Denver, Colo.; Jim Gregory, Craig, Colo., and Joe Mallinski, New Prague, Minn.

Halter horses—Herold Hudspeth, Collinsville, Okla.; Quarter Horses; Leonard Milligan, Aurora, Colo.; Appalooses, and J.D. Creft, Jacksboro, Tex., Paints.

Performance horses—J.D. Creft and Leonard Milligan, Cutting; Harold Hudspeth, Quarter Horses; Leonard Milligan, Appalooses; Mrs. Howard Funderburgh, Wichita, Kan.; Arabians and Morgans; J.D. Creft, Paints; Michael O. Page, New York, N.Y.; Hunters & Jumpers, and Donna Moore, Versailles, Ky.; Saddle.

National Western Stock Show Livestock Pen Displays

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HORSE AUCTIONS

Jan. 14-15—Rocky Mountain All Western Winter Quarter Horse Sale, Brighton, Colo.
Jan. 18—Working Quarter Horse Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 17—National Western Quarter Horse Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 19—National Western Appaloose Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 20—National Western Paint Horse Sale, Denver, Colo.

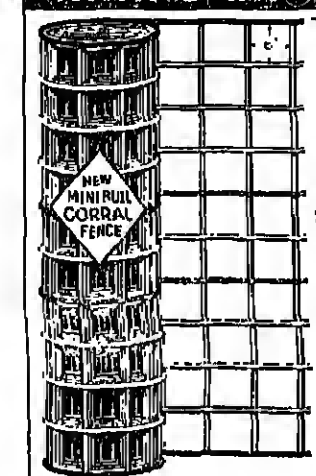
BEER CATTLE AUCTIONS

Jan. 12—Bull-O-Rama Brangus Sale, Beeville, Texas.
Jan. 13—Mile High Chienina Club Calf Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 13-14—Feulhaber Hereford Dispersal, Theford, Neb.
Jan. 14—North American Limousin Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 14—Beef Friesian Society Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 15—Limousin Summit Sale, Bennett, Colo.
Jan. 15—Denver Chienina Bull Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 16—Willow Springs Brangus Bull Sale, Burton, Texas.
Jan. 18—Red Sunday Red Angus Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 17—National Western Torontale Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 17—Angus Foundation Female Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 17—National Western Shorthorn Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 17—American Blonde d'Aquiline Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—American Hereford Association Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—National Western Bison-Hybrid Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—Angus Bull Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—National Western

Grand Champion, Res. Champion, Junior Prize, Winning Sire, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 19—National Western Show Feeder Cattle, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—National Polled Hereford Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—Junior Barrows and Weathers, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 19—National Producers Calves and Yearlings, Burlington, Colo.
Jan. 19—Charolais Female Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 18—Top of the World Pinzgauer Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 20—American Selters Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—American Gelbvieh Association Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—National Western Galloway Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—National Western Maine-Anjou Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—American Murray Grey Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—Mountain & Plains Texas Longhorn Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 21—Hill Country Charolais, Kerrville, Texas.
Jan. 22—National Western Santa Gertrudis Sale, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 22—National Western Simmental, Denver, Colo.
Jan. 24—Knipping Bros. Herefords, Genesee, S.D.
Jan. 24-26—Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Bulls, Rhodas, Iowa.
Jan. 27—Quirk Land & Cattle Co., Angus & Simmental, Hastings, Neb.
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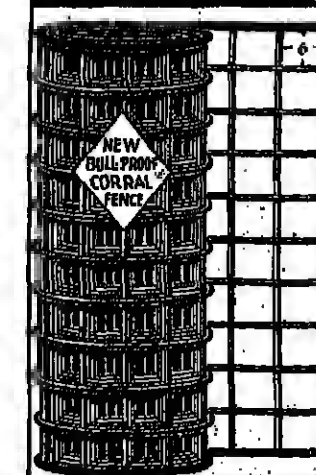


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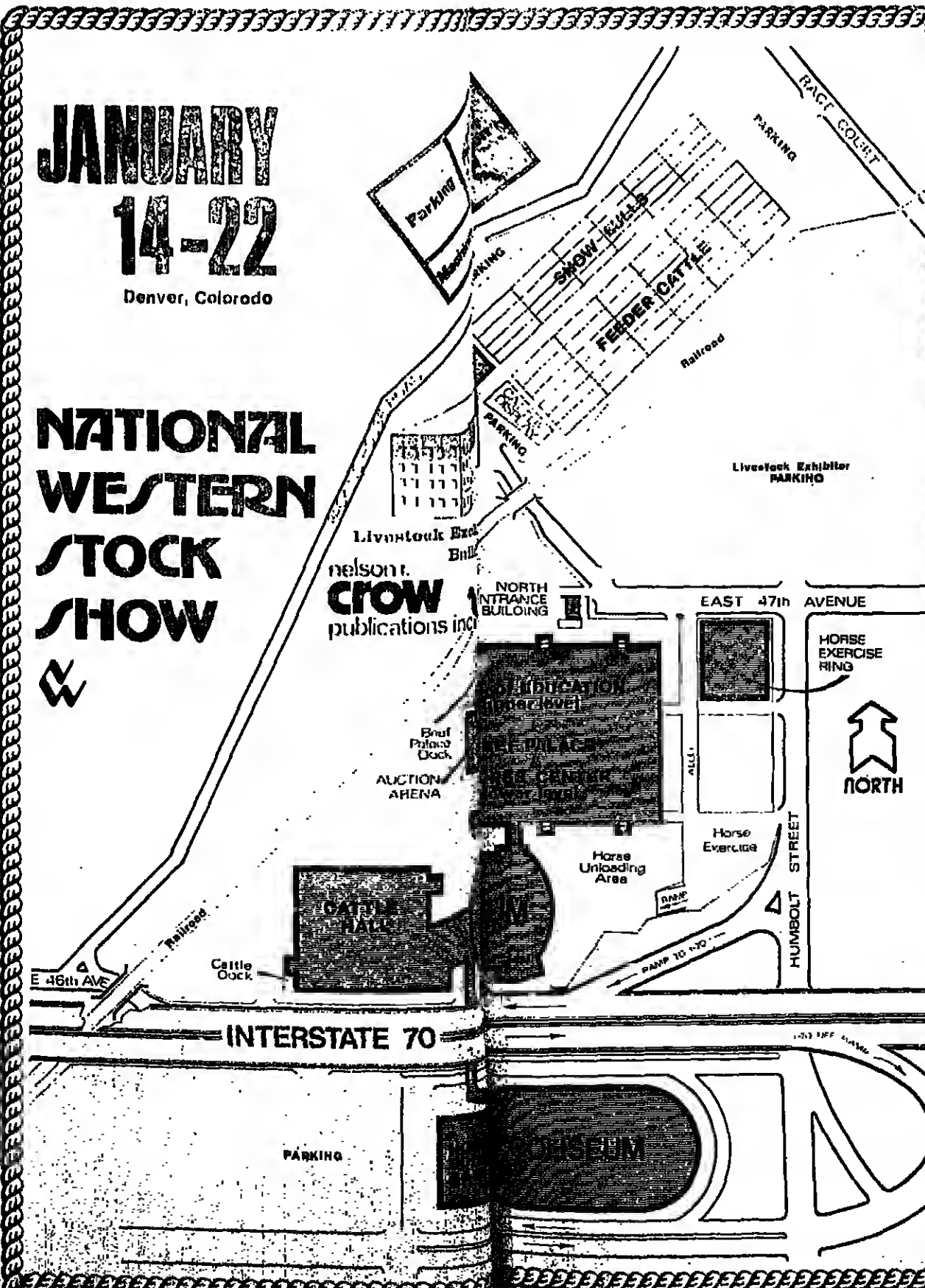
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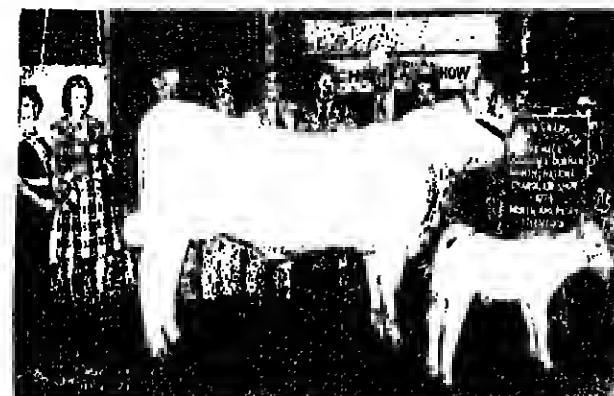
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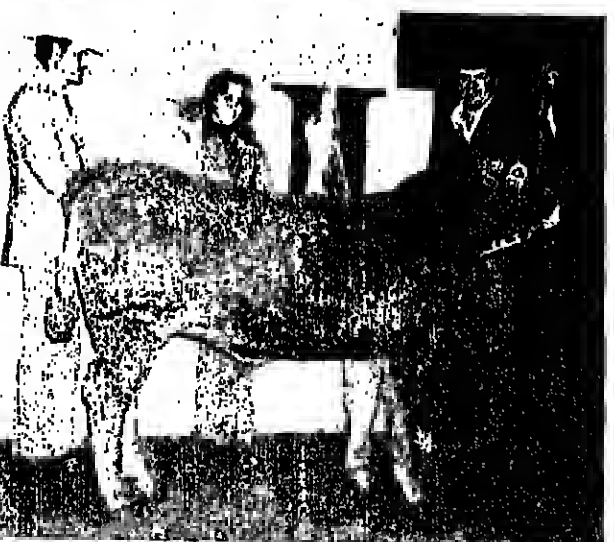
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BERRY BULL BUYERS—Buying bulls at The Berry's Hereford sale, Cheyenne, Wyo., was the McKinley family, Dick, George and Michelle, from Grand Junction, Colo. (Staff photo by Jerry York)



SKIT WINNERS—The Wyoming Junior Hereford Assn. captured top honors in the American Junior Hereford Assn. skit contest, Kansas City, Mo. Best members are, (left to right), Jay Talbot, Laramie; Janette Berry, Cheyenne; Jerry Stillahn, Cheyenne; Jody Fields, Torrington; Jay Berry, Cheyenne; Becky von Forell, Wheatland, and Byron Yiek, Yoder. Miss Berry was selected as outstanding performer.



ROYAL WINNER—This October, 1976, calf was judged grand champion purebred Limousin female at the American Royal. Shown by O'Brien Farms, Pineville, Mo., she is a daughter of Rousseau. (Staff photo)



FROM MISSOURI—Tom & Rosalie Smith, Smithton, Mo., are aggressive and capable boosters of the Limousin breed. He is president of the Missouri Limousin Assn. (Staff photo)

Farmland delegates ok merger, Far-Mar-Co approval yet to come

Delegates to the Farmland Industries annual meeting voted overwhelmingly to approve a proposed merger with Far-Mar-Co, Inc., which will become a subsidiary of Farmland. Scattered opposition to the merger came from delegates from Oklahoma and Arkansas. More than 18,500 voted on the proposed merger. Far-Mar-Co will vote on the proposed merger at their convention in February.

Following the filing of the proposal of the Farmland/Far-Mar-Co merger with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Farmland Industries corporate vice president W. Gordon Leith said Far-Mar-Co members will be merged in prospectus of the merger in a ballot prior to their annual meeting next February in Denver. Far-Mar-Co members will be required to vote by mail on the proposed merger, even if they plan to attend the annual meeting. Leith said a majority vote of 303 Far-Mar-Co co-ops is needed for merger approval.

Leith also announced the formation of a Farmland/Far-Mar-Co acquisition company which will serve as a mechanism affecting the merger. He said once the merger is complete "a new Far-Mar-Co" would emerge from the acquisition company as a subsidiary of Farmland.

The 25 member board of directors of the Farmland/Far-Mar-Co acquisition company will include 13 Farmland Industries board members and 12 Far-Mar-Co members. Board officers of the acquisition organization include Walter Peterson, chairman; Ernest Lindsey, vice chairman; George Voth, president and chief executive.

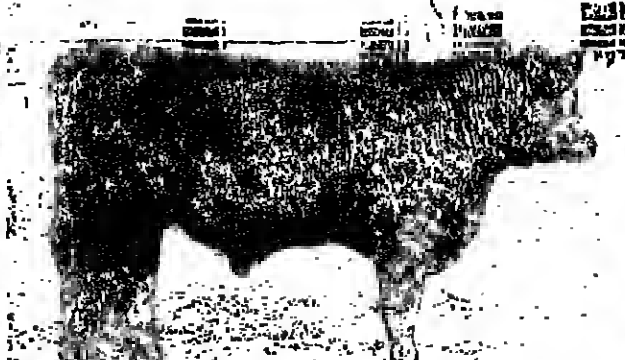
Farmland delegates from

Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico expressed opposition to the proposed merger due to lack of information. They felt more details were needed.

Leith told delegates a key test to the merger whether or not it will be for farmers in the long run. The tangible results may be a little slow at first, but will come.

Ag loan session to highlight meet

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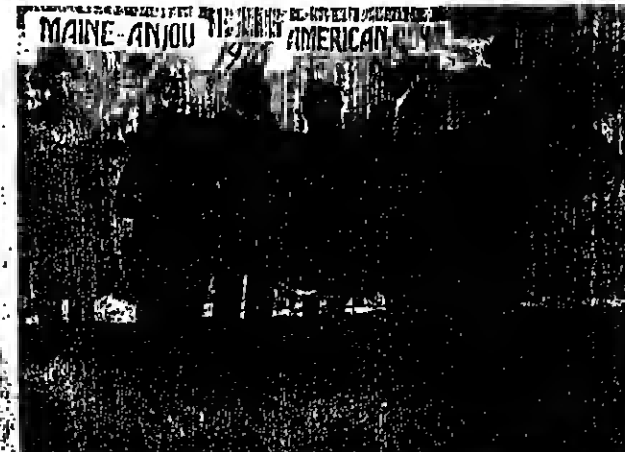
SOLD AT ERDMANN'S—Sir Williams Farm, Hillsdale, N.Y., bought two thirds interest in this bull calf, Wetonke 2446 by Eileenmere Lad 1563 for \$65,000 at the recent Erdmann Angus Sale, Wetonka, S.D. (Staff photo by Meek Jones)



SCHROEDER TOP—Mungos Herefords, Phillipsburg, Mont., bought this 1976 son of TT OK Donkirk 154 for \$29,000 to top the Schroeder Cattle Co. sale, Phillipsburg, Neb. (Staff photo by Meek Jones)



GELBVIEW WINNER—Conkle B11 by Good Hills Tartan was American Royal grand champion purebred Gelbvieh female. Shown by Cooper Bros. & Associates, Birchtree, Mo.; Merle Buss, Germantown, Tenn., and Kon Norwood. (Staff photo)



NATIONAL WESTERN ORIGIN—Senior and grand champion Maine-Anjou female at this season's American Royal was this March yearling by Dollar II, shown by Wilkinson Farms, Harrodsburg, Ky. She was bought as a calf at the 1976 National Western in Denver. (Staff photo)



TRADE COMPLETE—(Left to right), Mike Keller, Bessey; Dale Jackson, Newport, and Mrs. Keller are shown with Everett Brown of Fair Way Ranch, Valentine, Neb., shortly after Keller and Jackson teamed to buy a herd bull in the Fair Way Hereford sale. (Staff photo by Meek Jones)

Domestic feeding hikes may slacken

Livestock output and feed use of grain will continue to expand in the 1976-77 feeding year, but gains will be smaller than the relatively rapid expansion in the past year, according to an agricultural outlook report released by the Agriculture Department.

The feeding of feed grains mixed with wheat may increase about 6%, about half of the 1975-76 increase. Short supplies of soybean meal and high prices will likely reduce feed use from the very high rate of 1975-76.

Cattle on feed placements have slowed this year due to

high costs, while hog and broiler production continue to expand. Hog producers intend to boost this fall's pig crop 15-20%, but feeding margins have narrowed, indicating production plans for 1977 may drop slightly. Broiler producers show no signs of slowing output gains.

River Markets name McAtee to NLS&MB

The River Markets Group has announced the appointment of William A. McAtee, St. Louis, as its newly designated director on the National Livestock and Meat Board.



BUYS BIG—Dick Dietz, HHH Farms, Meadow Grove, Neb., was among volume bull buyers at the recent Bon View Angus sale, Canova, S.D. (Staff photo by Meek Jones)

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Market Roundup:

New year may end holiday doldrums

PRICE TRENDS ON CATTLE and beef over the past two weeks have been disappointing. Marketable cattle numbers on feed across the nation are shorter in relation to slaughter than at any time during the year. In response to a tightening supply situation, fed cattle prices jumped upward early in October, but leveled off in November before again turning upward early in December. Recent downside pressure was attributed to "pre-holiday doldrums," but cattle prices normally are relatively strong. The culprit recently, as well as in November, was competition from pork and poultry.

Although cattle feeders experienced losses on most pens of cattle throughout 1976, the industry continues placing relatively large numbers on feed. The eastern two-thirds of the nation will have nearly as many cattle on feed as for a year earlier. They are down modestly in the west.

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Kansas mostly choice steers \$40-40.50; good-choice \$39-39.50. Mostly choice heifers \$38-39.50. Texas, Oklahoma mostly choice steers \$40-41.50; good-choice \$39-40.50. Mostly choice heifers \$38-39.25; good-choice \$35.50-38.

COLORADO CANNER-CUTTER csw beef \$48-49; utility of San Francisco \$44-45; Panhandle \$42-45. No steer or heifer beef sales reported in Panhandle. Colorado choice steer beef \$42-43.50; San Francisco \$42-43. Choice heifer carcasses in Colorado \$45.50-51; San Francisco \$42. Good-choice stock cows in Midwest \$23-27.50. Good cow-calf pairs \$200-265 each. Good-choice young cows with first calves \$180-245 each.

California choice 575-600 lb. feeder steers \$36. Choice heifers 650-750 lb. \$27-28.50. Washington choice steers 550-600 lb. \$35-39; 600-675 lb. \$36-38.50; 800-700 lb. \$33-35; 700-800 lb. \$32-34.50. Choice heifers 300-500 lb. \$28-33, mostly \$29-32. Oregon choice steers 500-650 lb. \$34-36. Choice heifers 600 lb. \$27. Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota choice-prime steers 575 lb. \$37-38; 750-800 lb. \$35. Choice-prime heifers 750 lb. \$32.50; good-choice 700 lb. \$27.50. Montana mostly choice steers 300-500 lb. \$39-42; 600-650 lb. \$36-38.50; 650-950 lb. \$34-36. Choice heifers 300-500 lb. \$31.60-34.50; 600-650 lb. \$31-33; 650-800 lb. \$29-32.

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Midwest choice-prime 90-110 lb. wooled slaughter lambs \$45.25-49.20; 105-125 lb. \$43-47; choice-prime 90-110 lb. short No. 1-2 pelts \$47-49. Midwest good slaughter ewes \$5-14. Midwest choice-fancy feeder lambs 60-80 lb. \$48-55. Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection two weeks ago was tabulated at 22,000 compared with 23,000 the previous week and 27,000 a year ago.

AT MIDWEST MARKETS U.S. 1-3 190-240 lb. barrows-gilts \$40-42.50. In direct trade east of the Mississippi River \$40-41.25; Iowa, Minnesota area \$38.50-39. Sioux Falls, S.D., feeder pigs each, U.S. 1-2 30-40 lb. \$25.75-28.25; 40-60 lb. \$26.75-32; 60-80 lb. \$31.75-34.25; 80-70 lb. \$34.50-36.50; 80 lb. \$40.50.

Although live hog prices have advanced, retail prices of pork have been attractive and the retailers have been actively promoting both pork and poultry. Retail prices of pork have been down substantially from average choice beef prices and consumers have shown unusual response to this difference. In contrast, retail beef prices have held nearly unchanged despite relatively wide retail margins and low wholesale values. In short, beef has been encountering more effective competition in the market place as well as in the processing sector of the industry than at any time in many years.

Entering the new year, the industry will have two or three advantages over last year. Cost of grain in feedyards will be down permitting profits at lower price levels. Steer numbers on feed will be significantly smaller than for last year, but the difference will be nearly offset by the largest number of heifers on feed in the history of the industry. Many analysts are bullish on 1977 as we are at WLJ. We all wish you and yours a very prosperous new year.

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Auction Results

MARTIN POLLED CHAROLAIS Florence, Mont., Oct. 15

10	herd built prospects	\$2,550
14	PS comm. bulls	985
17	7/8 bulls	788
18	PS & 16/18 cow/calf prs.	1,629
25	bred PS & 16/18 cows	988
22	bred PS & 15/18 hfrs.	855
7 1/2	cow/calf prs.	897
5	bred 7/8 cows	845
1	3/4 cow/calf pr.	425
103 1/2	lots	1,171

Auctioneer: Bill Laffy Sale Manager: Cherson Services Ltd.

Bulls: Beau Emperor Pol 557, by "The Emperor," Vetter D. Hansen, Cairns, W. Va., \$5005. Beau John Pot 451, a grandson of "The Emperor," Goldhold Retch, Bawhew, Ala., Canada, \$4700.

Females: Belle Perfection 159 by "The Emperor," Northern Charolais, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, \$2100. Her 1876 heifer, calf by Beau John 50; HH Charolais, Bawhew, Minn., \$2055. Belle Perfection 105 by "The Emperor," Royal Charolais, Youngwood, Pa., \$1855. Belle John Pot 403 by "The Emperor," Dewart Sutton, Roanville, Sask., \$1500. Volume buyers were: Ancona Farms, Oneford, Ont., Canada, and Ivan Bietler, Blatter Ranch, Malta, Mont. The cattle sold into 15 states and 4 Canadian provinces.

Grain allotment set at '76 level

The Agriculture Department has announced that the 1977 National feedgrain allotment will be 89 million acres, unchanged from 1976.

The allotment is used solely as a basis for making payments to producers if the market price falls below established target prices or if growers qualify for disaster payments.

USDA also announced it will not make deficiency payments on 1978 crop wheat and barley. Current legislation provides that such payments must be made to producers when the national weighted average price received by farmers for the first five months of the marketing year (June-October for wheat and barley) is less than the established target price for these crops.

The national weighted average price received by farmers for the first five months was \$3.08 per bushel for wheat and \$2.41 per bushel for barley. These exceed the target prices of \$2.29 and \$1.28 for wheat and barley, respectively.

In 1978 producers, responding to the market-price rather than the allotment, planted about 112 million acres of corn, sorghum and barley.

Murray Greys gear up for Denver show

Murray Grey cattle from six states and two Canadian provinces will be in competition at Denver's National Western Stock Show, according to Norman G. Waralnske, Billings, Mont., executive secretary of the American Murray Grey Assn. This national show of the breed is to be at 10 a.m., Jan. 21, with Burt Winchester of Montana State University as judge.

Annual membership meeting of the association is to be at the Regency Hotel, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. The Regency also will be association headquarters.

Brucellosis hearing set for Feb. 18

The National Brucellosis Technical Commission will hold the third of its public hearings on the federal-estate brucellosis eradication program Feb. 18 in Kansas City, Mo.

The hearing will be held at the Hilton Airport Plaza Inn at the Kansas City International Airport from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The commission is holding the hearing to collect views on the program from persons in the livestock industry, representatives of organizations and all other interested parties.

Earlier hearings were held in Miami Beach, Fla., and Fresno, Calif.

The eradication program,

in effect since 1951, has been criticized recently by livestock producers in areas where infection rates and numbers of quarantined herds are still high.

The commission is a free-standing group of scientists set up under contracts between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Texas A&M University. It is reviewing the program's effectiveness and procedures and is considering alternatives and their potential costs.

The commission plans to issue periodic interim reports, with a final report set for June 1978.

Persons unable to attend the hearing can send po-

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